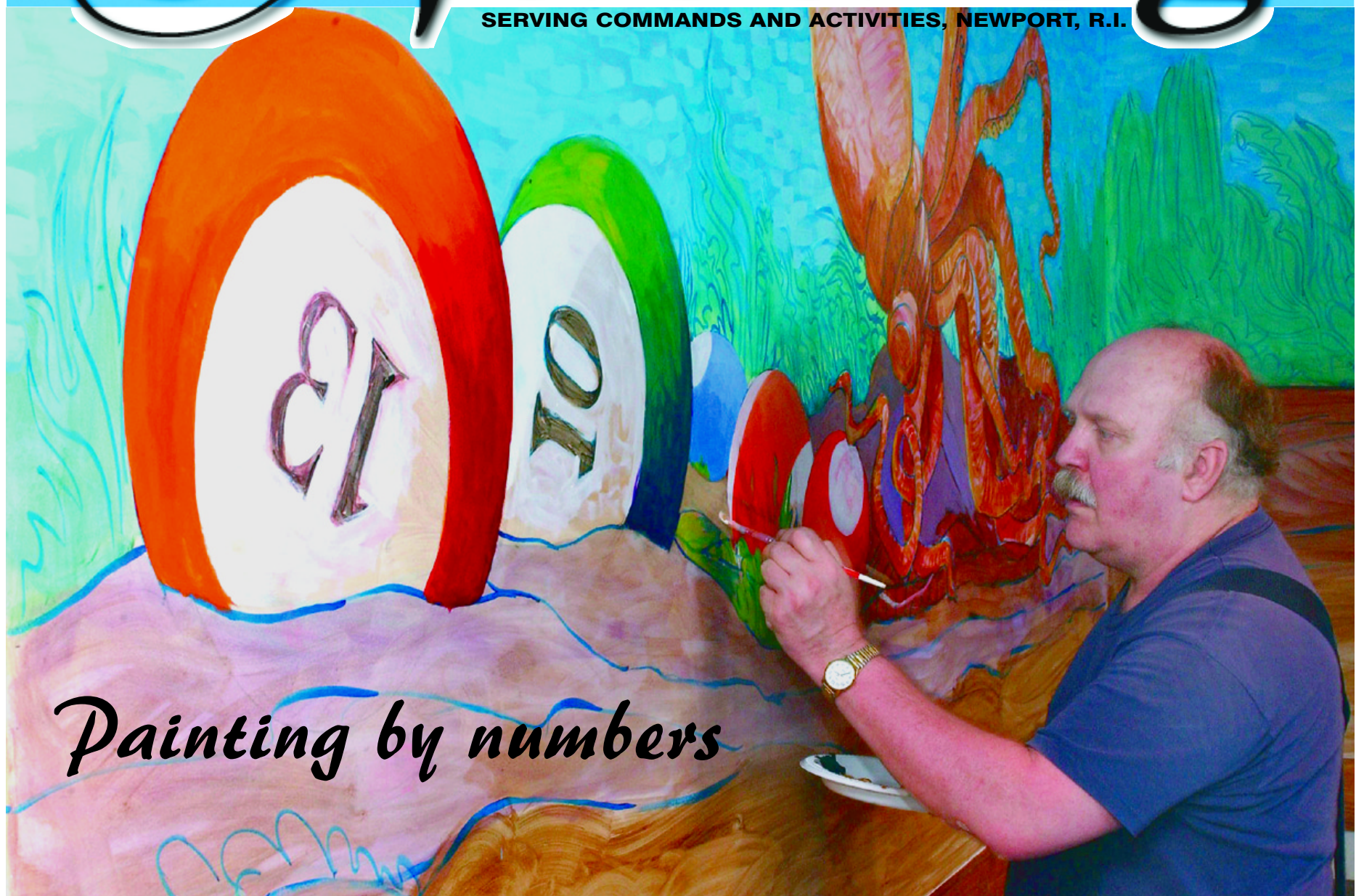


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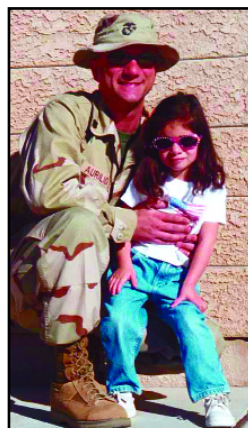
UNDER THE SEA — James Rensch of Old Fort Road, Newport, a restoration and decorative artist, creates a 50 by 6-1/2 foot underwater seascape mural on two walls of the Enlisted Club in Building 656. Besides fish and other sea creatures, the artwork includes billiard balls. He works on the mural seven hours a day and was contracted to create something 'fun and Newporty.'



Navy Region changes helm

Rear Adm. Walsh takes over as Commander, Navy Region Northeast, in change of command ceremonies.

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Loved ones left behind

After U.S. troops go off to war for Operation Iraqi Freedom, how do those left behind cope?

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Job Fair '03 draws crowd

The second annual Job Fair draws about 550 job-seekers, including military members, to the Newport Marriott.

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Region Northeast changes command

By JO1 JAY COPE

Commander, Navy Region Northeast Public Affairs Staff

NEW LONDON, Conn.— Rear Adm. Michael C. Tracy was relieved by Rear Adm. Joseph A. Walsh as Commander Navy Region Northeast/Submarine Group Two during a change of command ceremony at Naval Submarine Base New London April 17.

As commander of the eight-state Northeast region, Tracy headed a shore installation infrastructure comprising five major bases, 35,000 people and assets of approximately \$4 billion. The Region supported more than 44,000 flight hours, training of 55,000 officers and Sailors heading to the fleet, five major depot level availabilities during fiscal year 2001, and more than

1,000 ship movements in fiscal 2002.

Submarine Group Two is the supervising command for more than one-half of the Navy's total attack submarine force, comprised of five submarine squadrons, 31 submarines, and their waterfront support commands.

Tracy's leadership of Submarine Group Two ensured that Atlantic Fleet attack submarines were properly manned, trained, equipped, and maintained to meet all assignments. Missions included being among the first Navy ships to fire opening shots in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Submarine Group Two units continued to support national tasking by playing a significant role in Operation Iraqi Freedom with an unprecedented number of

fast-attack submarines deployed to Central Command.

Tracy's next assignment will be as Director, Submarine Warfare Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington D.C.

Walsh is a native of Point Pleasant Beach, N.J. and a 1977 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Walsh assumes control of the two commands after serving as the Chief of Staff, Commander, Naval Submarine Forces. He had also previously commanded Submarine Development Squadron Twelve based in Groton and submarine USS Hyman G. Rickover from Norfolk, Va.

This is his fourth tour in the Groton area.



Rear Adm. Walsh



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

DOWN A PINT — Navy Exchange (NEX) associate Liz Pence, right, gives a pint of blood to the Rhode Island Blood Center during the NEX-sponsored Blood Drive last week. Monitoring equipment in the donor coach is nurse Nyree Ortiz.

Uniform changeover Scheduled for May 5

The chilly weather may reflect otherwise, but the official change to summer uniforms at for all military personnel at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport, its tenant commands and the entire Northeast region will take place at 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 5.

Per Commander, Navy Region Northeast, authorized uniforms will be summer whites for E-6 and below and service khakis for officers and chief petty officers (optional pant/skirt for females). Camouflage uniforms are authorized for Marine Corps personnel.

An official uniform inspection for all NAVSTA military personnel will be Friday, May 9 at 7:30 a.m., in the roadway

between the rear of Building 690 and the Newport Commissary. In the event of rain, the inspection will be held in Capt. Howard N. Kay Hall.

Inspection attire will be summer whites for all personnel, officer and enlisted.

To ensure inspection readiness, particular attention should be made to clean/pressed uniform, new white T-shirt, polished shoes, new ribbons, nametags, and a recent haircut (within three days).

Military personnel should maintain a sharp military appearance at all times.

Working uniforms are not to be worn in liberty status, and is authorized only while commuting to and from work.

Kennedy warns terrorism real threat to democracy

By RICHARD ALEXANDER

Navalog editor

U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., told delegates to the combined Rhode Island Boys State and Girls State last week that he believes the United States is approaching a time "when we can't take democracy for granted."

Kennedy was among the last of a series of state and federal political office holders, and

law enforcement agency representatives, who spoke to more than 30 high school juniors and seniors about American citizenship and government. The annual program at Naval Station Newport is sponsored by the American Legion Rhode Island and its Auxiliary.

He said terrorists with weapons of mass destruction can end democracy as we know it. The U.S. could become a closed society, and

that is why it's important to confront terrorism abroad before it comes home.

Kennedy was asked, in light of the war with Iraq, if he's worried that the U.S. has developed a bad image around the world as a bully.

He said although the United Nations agreed that Iraq was in violation of international law, the Security Council refused to sanction a coalition to disarm

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NAPS field of dreams

The overflow parking lot or 'grinder,' far right, and the former site of Building K-61, center, will be combined into a soccer field and baseball diamond for the Naval Academy Prep School, Public Works Department has announced.

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Parking lot to become diamond in rough

NAPS ball field to cover 'grinder'

By **RICHARD ALEXANDER**
Navalog editor

Soil excavated from the Military Construction (MILCON) project at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOSCOLCOM) will be spread over the 70,700 square foot parking lot or "grinder"

south of Capodanno Drive, Cmdr. David Burnes, Director for Public Works has announced.

The soil will be compacted and seeded this spring, and be turned into a practice baseball diamond for the Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) next year.

The plan, approved by Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport Environmental, involves relocating more than 6,000 cubic

yards of material excavated for the Applied Instruction Building behind Arleigh Burke Hall on Coasters' Harbor Island (CHI).

The trucks, too heavy for the CHI Pedestrian Bridge, exit through Gate 1 and enter through Gate 10.

Lt. Cmdr. Chris Rehkop, Assistant Public Works Officer, said Public Works will remove or relocate utilities in the area, such as fire hydrants, light

poles, telephone poles and raise manhole rims.

"The goal is to move the soil as soon as possible, and complete the soil transfer in time for spring grass seeding," Rehkop said. "The plan solves a major MILCON construction problem at minimal cost and also provides NAVSTA with a groomed, level grassy area approaching Bishop's Rock."

The former NAVSTA Headquarters, Building K-61, was

razed in October 2001. Its footprint is already reseeded. Grass is already established between Capodanno Drive and the edge of the parking lot.

The proposal calls for the contractor, Triton Marine Construction Co., to remove Avenue 'E' or Capodanno Drive extension, plus curbs and shrubs in the area. The existing blacktop or asphalt on the grinder will be scraped

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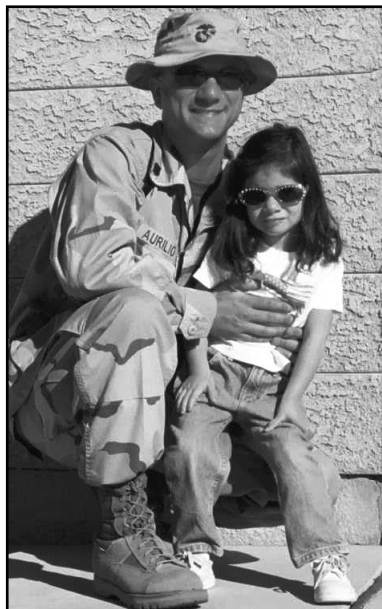
Remember the ones left behind

EDITOR'S NOTE: DT2 Mischa Phillips wrote the following impressions about the impact Operation Iraqi Freedom has had on her best friend, Antonia Aurilio. Her husband, Gunnery Sgt. James A. Aurilio is serving with the 1st Tanks Battalion/1st Marine Division, 29 Palms California. Their daughter's name is Cadence.

By **DT2 (FMF) M.PHILLIPS**
Naval Dental Center Northeast

Operation Enduring Freedom, with its compelling force and fury, took our soldiers away in the blink of an eye. Families stood on docks, parade fields and military processing centers saying their last goodbye. Expectant mothers and small children stood clinging to their loved one— neither knowing when "daddy" would be coming home.

What of the months to come? Will a lonely mother deliver her only son without the support of her fighting soldier? Will a young daughter continue to believe her daddy really is



DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL — Gunnery Sgt. James Aurilio, now deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom, hugs his daughter, Cadence.

I promise."

It becomes "Operation Iraqi Freedom," but at this point the name doesn't matter. What matters is the fact that she'll be spending another **LEFT BEHIND, Page 13**

far away "fighting pirates?"

That is the best way to look at it— through the eyes of a child whose only sense of evil is Captain Hook and the terrible crocodile that's waiting to get him. If it weren't for those fairy tale stories they might actually have to explain the reality of war.

What of the brave families who sit at home glued to the TV with the radio playing in the background because they don't want to miss a thing— praying that when the news of another casualty comes through, it's not the name they dread hearing. Or feeling guilty when it's someone else, a husband and daddy, who also left a wife and two children behind.

Promises are all they have to hold on to. Those last words he uttered before stepping onto the bus that carried him away, "I'll be home soon,

A number of things....

10,000,000

The number of land mines still buried in Afghanistan after 25 years of warfare, according to the International Red Cross Committee. More than 200,000 Afghans have been wounded or killed by mines during that time.

26.4

The number of veterans in millions who live in the United States; a ratio of about 1-in-8 of U.S. civilians, age 18 and over.

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UPDATE FOR CNO — Lt. Ronald Lott, second left, leads a computer presentation on changes at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command coursework, during a briefing last Friday for the Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark, right, at Arleigh Burke Hall. Also attending are Rear Adm. Henry G. Ulrich III, left, and Rear Adm. J. Kevin Moran, second right.

CNO briefed on transformation in training for surface warriors

By YNC G.DOHERTY
SWOSCOLCOM Public Affairs Officer

The Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark, visited the Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOSCOLCOM) last Friday to receive a brief on the Division Officer Course Computer-Based Training (SWOSDOC CBT).

Also attending were Rear Adm. Henry G. Ulrich III, Director, Navy Surface Warfare Division, N76; and Rear Adm. J. Kevin Moran, Commander, Naval Personnel Development Command (NPDC).

Capt. Ronold Brinkley, Commanding Officer, SWOSCOLCOM, opened the brief with a comparison of the SWOSDOC legacy, which was a sequence of instruction, Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS) and watchstanding performance for the division officer, to the new SWOSDOC transformation which is a combination of instruction, PQS and watch station performance.

Following the introduction, Capt. Brinkley discussed the transformation of SWOSDOC as a learning performance system which focuses on the officers learning with assistance from mentors in the fleet. The



YNC Ginamarie Doherty/U.S. Navy photo

FLAG VISIT — Capt. Ronald Brinkley, second left, Commanding Officer, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, confers with Rear Adm. Ulrich, left, Adm. Clark, second right, and Rear Adm. Moran.

Young officers arrive with on-job experience

EDITOR'S NOTE: Capt. Ronald Brinkley, Commanding Officer of the Surface Warfare Officers School Command, will be relieved in change of command ceremonies today. His comments are included in this article.

By JO1 J.D. WALTER

Naval Personnel Development Command-
Public Affairs Staff

Putting first line leaders on the front lines; that is the Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS). Developing tomorrow's surface warriors today through blended curriculums featuring the best resources available; that is the vision of the Navy's revolution in training.

SWOS capitalized on this

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NSI to graduate 151 in ceremony

LT. DANIEL KLEIBOMER
Naval Science Institute PAO

Graduation ceremonies for 151 officer candidates in Naval Science Institute (NSI) Class 03010, a component of the Seaman-to-Admiral 21 (STA-21) program, will be held today at 10 a.m. in Capt. Howard Kay Hall, Officer Training Center-Newport.

The guest speaker will be

Capt. David R. O'Brien, Deputy Commander, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes.

The NSI portion of STA-21 is designed to teach each officer candidate the fundamentals of Naval Science. This eight-week program provides competency in the areas of navigation, engineering, weapons, and naval military history, while providing rigorous mili

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ty agencies, potential employers, and can be part of a job security clearance process. A representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union will conduct a seminar on The Credit Process at the Fleet and Family Support Center on April 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and learn how to read, understand, and correct your credit report.

Fleet & Family Support Center

Registration is required and may be made by calling 841-2283.

Control that anger — Anger is a powerful feeling. It can be used destructively, or it can be used for positive change. Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center's six-week Anger Management group beginning on May 1, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Learn how to manage your anger and change your life for the better.

Registration is required and may be made by calling 841-2283.

Mutual funds — Bring your lunch to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, May 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., to learn all you can about mutual funds. You also will hear how your money could be invested, regulations, types of funds, and more.

Registration is required. Call 841-2283.

Looking good on paper — The Fleet and Family Support Center is offering a workshop entitled "Effective Resumes" on Wednesday, May 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A resume is one of your most important tools when looking for a job.

Learn how to prepare an

effective resume that will get you an interview. This workshop will cover what to include on your resume, which format to use, and other resume writing tips. For more information

or to register, call 841-2283.

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ten. But, standing between you and your dream car is the car dealer..

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ter on Thursday, May 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., to find out how to gather your resources and be well informed.

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Trying to be on the job

The ballroom on the second floor of the Newport Marriott is filled with job-seekers at the Newport County second annual Job Fair last Monday. It was sponsored by the Fleet and Family Support Center and the Newport County Chamber of Commerce.

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Navy applicants work Job Fair

By **RICHARD ALEXANDER**
Navalog editor
and **ENSIGN JENNIFER BERG**
NAVSTA Public Affair Staff

Military recruiters and Navy contractors — mixed in with representatives from the hospitality, financial and health care industry — drew about 550 job-hunters to the Newport County second annual Job Fair last Monday at the Newport Marriott.

Sponsored by the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) and the Newport County Chamber of Commerce, more than 50 employers staffed information tables, looking for seasonal, part-time and permanent employees.



OS2 Williams

The employers were thrilled with the turnout," said Mary Silvia, Director of FFSC. "They seemed to be very impressed with the quality of applicants."

For military members getting out of the service, several booths offered a variety of job possibilities. Navy Counselor First Class Tony Cassidy and Navy Counselor Second Class Melinda Aviles of Naval Reserve Recruiting in Cranston pitched their profession as part-time government employment for the military.

"All you have to put in is one week-end a month, and two weeks in the summer, and after 20 years you'll have the benefits: retirement, medical and dental coverage."

Operations Specialist Second Class Tony Williams, attached to the War Gaming Dept. at the Naval War College, spoke to representatives of SM Consulting of Virginia and Maryland. He's

spent nine years in the Navy and will be getting out in July.

"I want to get to the Maryland area to work," he said, "and I'm looking at government contractors who can use my Navy skills."

SM Consulting spokesman Frank O'Donnell said the information technology company is always looking for computer operations specialists, and networking and security personnel. He said about 70 percent of the company is in technical fields, and 95 percent have security clearance.

"The government is pouring lots of money into security," he said. "With the rebuilding of Iraq, we expect some opportunity there, too."

Among those making the rounds to local hotel representatives was Mess Management Specialist First Class (SW) Charles Martin. Martin will be retiring from a 20 year career July 31, and was looking for work in food service management.

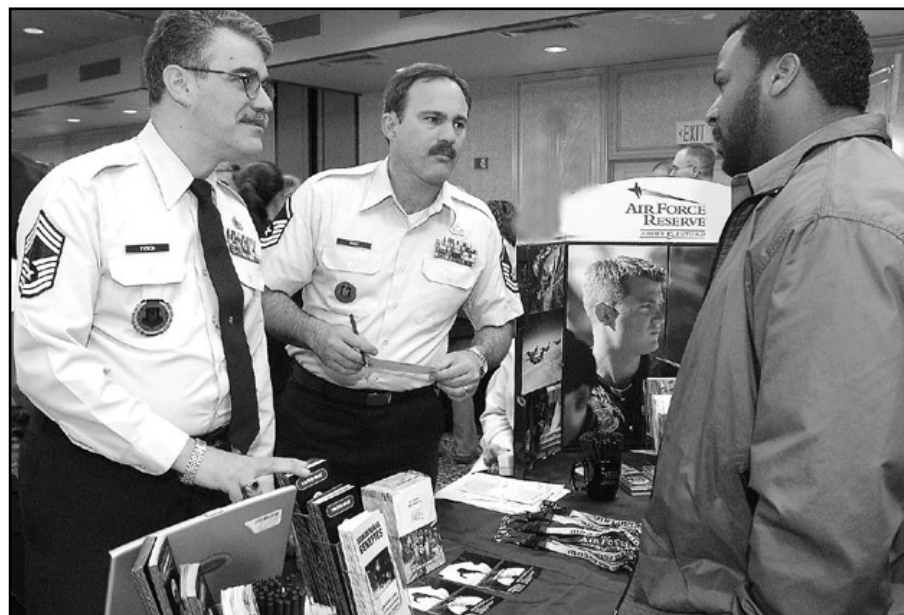
Martin has been stationed in Newport for the past four years and he and his family would like to stay in the area. He spoke with a representative from the James L. Maher Center of Newport and Middletown.

Under a contract with the Navy, the center provides developmentally challenged workers for Ney Hall galley.

"I passed out 20 resumes, and visited every hotel there," he said Wednesday. "There were a lot of local businesses, and I got some positive feedback."

The Newport Hotel Group, Newport Marriott, Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina, Hyatt Regency and Castle Hill were all represented.

David Miller, vice president for corporate development with SEA Corp of Middletown, said almost two-thirds of their employees are former military. The systems engineering, software, and test and evaluation company is



CHEF FOR HIRE — Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Tyson, left, and Master Sgt. Mark Smart, Air Force Reserve recruiters from Chicopee, Mass., talk with Oscar Stedford, right, looking for work as a cook.



IN THE NAVY — Lt. Marcus Bickley, an instructor at Surface Warfare Officers School Command, talks with Marianne Cooper of American Express Financial Advisers.

involved in Navy submarine electronic systems.

"Of all the defense contractors here on Aquidneck Island, about 1,800 work for the Naval Undersea Warfare Center," he said. Many technical rat-

ings in the Navy correlate with SEA Corps jobs, such as machinist's mate, electronic technician, operations specialist, and fire control technician.

"An FC rating, for example, doesn't have a comparable job in the regular civilian job market, but in defense contracting, it fits," he said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is a regular at job fairs. Special agent for recruiting Kevin Kenneally said the FBI has openings for applicants age 23 to 36 with computer science, electrical engineer, foreign languages, and physical science backgrounds.

"The military person is always welcome, and some rating are very compatible, such as intelligence specialist or cryptologic technician," Kenneally said.

Mrs. Silvia said Kennedy Personnel and Aquidneck Employment Services, both of Middletown, regularly offers temporary employment to spouses of students attending schools in Navy Newport.

Recreation Board to review programs

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department Recreation Board will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, at the Recreation Center, Building 656.

Meetings/reunions

Complimentary coffee, Danish and bagels will be served at this meeting and the following agenda items will be discussed:

- Intramural softball
- Fitness programs
- MYA Summer Camp
- Carr Point reservations
- Overview of Gear Rental
- Sailing/boating classes

Additional agenda items may be submitted to the Recreation Director no later than May 1. Agenda items may be added by calling 841-3127, by fax at 841-7811 or via e-mail to Mr. Jeff Shea,

Recreation Director
(SheaJ@nsnpt.navy.mil).

Health Care Council meets next Tuesday

The quarterly Health Care Consumer Council meeting will be held Tuesday, April 29 at 1 p.m. in the Naval Ambulatory Care Center Building 43, second floor command conference room.

This conference provides information regarding medical options available to beneficiaries at the Naval Health Care New England, Newport, facility.

Attendees are requested to arrive sufficiently early in consideration of increased security and parking limitations.

at Agenda items may be sent to Ms. Mary Murgo, Support Operations, ext. 841-2054, close of business today.

Spouse Club seeks new membership

The Newport Officer Spouse Club (NOSC) meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the McMack-

en Center, Fort Adams Housing.

The club is open to spouses of all armed forces commissioned officers, including reservists who are on full time active duty or retired, widows and widowers of such officers, and civilians, GS-7 and above.

The next meeting is April 16.

For more information, contact Nora Murray at 848-2515.

Announcements

Navy College launches needs assessment survey

Every three years the Navy College Office surveys military personnel at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport to identify educational needs.

Questions focus on program preferences, program barriers, as well as measure satisfaction with Navy College services. The data collected with this survey will be used to plan the on base education program for the next three years.

Any personal computer with Internet access can be utilized to take the needs assessment survey at <https://wwwwcfs.cnet.navy.mil/ncsurvey/login.cfm>

The survey takes only 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

This survey will guide the future of the education program at Naval Station Newport for the next three years, make your organizational voice heard and participate. You will need to know your UIC (Unit Identification Code) for each command, this will be your user name.

The survey dates will run through May 16. The password is *sgnport* (everyone will use the same password).

Call 841-3030 with any questions.

Navy Yacht Club seeks instructors

The Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club is looking for a few good sailing instructors.

All you need is the ability to sail (handling a Rhodes 19 or similar keel or centerboard sloop rigged boat) and the desire to share that ability with others. The Basic Sail Training Program course of instruction is based on a local Naval Station Newport/Narragansett Bay Qualification. No special qualifications, i.e., U.S. Sailing or USNSA, are required of the volunteer instructors.

Interested? Contact Dennis Crowley, CHNYC Rear Commodore, home phone 848-0945, or email e-baydreams@cox.net or crowleyd@nwc.navy.mil.

Pre-retirement seminar slated

The Federal Executive Council (FEC) of Rhode Island will host a Pre-Retirement Seminar for federal employees on Thursday, June 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community College of Rhode Island/Lincoln campus.

If interested in getting a copy of the flyer, contact Karen L. Peckham, Command Support Department , 841-6197.

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What's going on

Seminar targets retirees

WARWICK — The 31st annual Retired Military Personnel Seminar is scheduled for tomorrow at the Crown Plaza Hotel at the Inn at the Crossings. It is open to all area military retirees and their dependents.

The Crown Plaza is 3.5 miles from T. F. Green Airport. From I-95 North or South, take Exit 12A, bear right, and the driveway is on the right.

The seminar, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will feature many information booths from local organizations.

The speaking program begins at 9 a.m., and will feature representatives from several organizations including Defense Finance and Accounting Service; Veterans Administration; Naval Ambulatory Care Center; Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs; and the Secretary of the Navy Committee on Retired Personnel. The speaking program will conclude at 12:30 p.m.

For further information, contact the Fleet and Family Support Center at (401) 841-2283.

TODAY, April 25

- Change of Command, Surface

Warfare Officers School Command, Weakley Hall, 10 a.m.

- Fitness Equipment Orientation, FITNESS Plus, Building 355, 8, 9 and 10 a.m. Also, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Call 841-1474.

- Recreation Center Movie Night, at 6 p.m., *Maid in Manhattan* (PG-13), at 8 p.m., *Empire* (R).

- Spring Star Gazing, Norman Bird Sanctuary, Third Beach Road, Middletown, 7 to 9 p.m., 846-2577.

- Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Buffalo Bisons, McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket, 724-7300.

- "Rhythms of Spring," The Newport Community Band and Jazz Ensemble, Ochre Court, Salve Regina University, 8 p.m., 341-2945.

SATURDAY, April 26

- The 31st annual Retired Military Personnel Seminar, Crown Plaza Hotel at the Inn at the Crossings, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 841-2283.

- Earth Day Clean-up, Norman Bird Sanctuary, Third Beach Road, Middletown, 9 a.m. to noon, 846-2577.

- Herreshoff Marine Museum opens for the 2003 season, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- "The Caretaker," Firehouse Theater, 8 p.m., 849-FIRE.

SUNDAY, April 27

- Chapel of Hope Sunday worship services:

- Protestant Service, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

- Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and noon.

- Sunday Bowling, Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656, \$7 per person, two-person minimum per lane.

- Ninth annual Neighborhoods of Newport House Tour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 841-5970, ext. 5.

- Tribute to Rhode Island Vietnam Veterans, Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, noon, 724-3913.

- Newport Metaphysical Faire, Elks Lodge, noon to 8 p.m., 846-9884.

- Geology and the Changing Land-

scape, Norman Bird Sanctuary, Third Beach Road, Middletown, 1 to 3 p.m., 846-2577.

- * "Soulful Sundown," Channing Memorial Church, Pelham Street, 7 p.m., 849-4033.

MONDAY, April 28

- Fitness Walk and Tone, 8 to 9 a.m., Gym 109.

- Intermediate Weight Training for Women, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Gym 109, \$10 per person.

- Spring Scramble Golf Tourney, Wanumetonomy Golf Course, Middletown, 8:30 a.m., 841-7196.

- Lecture, The Newport Colony House: Our Legacy of Liberty, Newport Colony House, 7:30 p.m., 846-0813.

TUESDAY, April 29

- Fitness Walk and Tone, 8 to 9 a.m., Gym 109. \$5 for five weeks! Call 841-3154.

- Intermediate Weight Training for Women, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Gym 109. \$10 per person. Call 841-3154.

- The Credit Process, Fleet and Family Support Center, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 841-2283.

- Officers' Club Movie Night, at 6 p.m., *Drumline* (PG-13), at 8 p.m., *Extreme Ops* (PG-13).

WEDNESDAY, April 30

- Soup kitchen, United Baptist, welcomes military volunteers, noon.

- Soup kitchen, Newport Congregational Church, welcomes military volunteers, 5 p.m.

- Africa, Redwood Library, 7 to 9 p.m., 847-0292.

THURSDAY, May 1

- "Anger Management," Fleet and Family Support Center, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., 841-2283.

- Soup kitchen, St. Paul's Church, Marlborough Street, welcomes military volunteers, 5 p.m.

- Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Norfolk Tides, McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket, 724-7300.

Spring Thaw concert to offer food, bonfire

Navy Band Northeast's rock band, Rhode Island Sound, will stage an outdoor concert with free food and a bonfire on May 2 at 5 p.m. Between the Navy Exchange Uniform Shop and Package Store.

The Spring Thaw concert is sure to get your feet tapping and your hands clapping as Rhode Island Sound performs hits from today's favorite pop artists.

Complimentary concessions, including hot dogs,

hamburgers, chili, cold slaw, hot chocolate and cider will be available. Beer and wine will be sold for \$1 each.

Rhode Island Sound performs at 6 p.m.

A rocking DJ will play in between sets and after Rhode Island Sound wraps up, he'll keep the party going so you can jam into the night!

So, grab your friends and get out of the "Qs" for this extra-special free spring concert event!

Music institutes open to military

Military school children are welcome to join either of two summer music institutes, July 7 to 19, at Trinity Church Newport, and sponsored by the Newport Baroque Orchestra.

The Newport Children's Choir Summer Music Institute is open to children ages 7 to 18, and rehearsals are held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m..

The Newport Youth Symphony Orchestra Summer Music Institute is open to mid-

dle school and high school age students with previous experience in orchestral instruments. Rehearsals will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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For more information call Dr. Paul Cienniwa, organist and choir director at Trinity, at 841-8266.

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Easter Faire draws 325 for day of fun

By **AMY COURVILLE**
MWR Department publicist

More than 325 children from military families, active duty and reserve, turned out for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department/Armed Services YMCA Easter Faire at the Officers' Club last Saturday.

The participants, ages 2 to 8, played games such as "Bunny Hop," "Bunny Bean Bag Toss," and "Fishing for Eggs." They competed in relay races, a jump rope and hula-hoop contest and much more.

There were many different craft projects, including picture frames and bunny ear visors, and special Easter tattoos were also available.

The Easter Bunny (alias Jose

McGough) was on hand and many parents took advantage of the free photo opportunity; while Ron Sargent, of Balloon Creations dazzled children and parents alike with his mastery of balloon arts.

Some favorite characters created included Blue from Blues Clues; Ariel, the Little Mermaid, a wearable balloon sword and a hat depicting a dolphin jumping over waves.

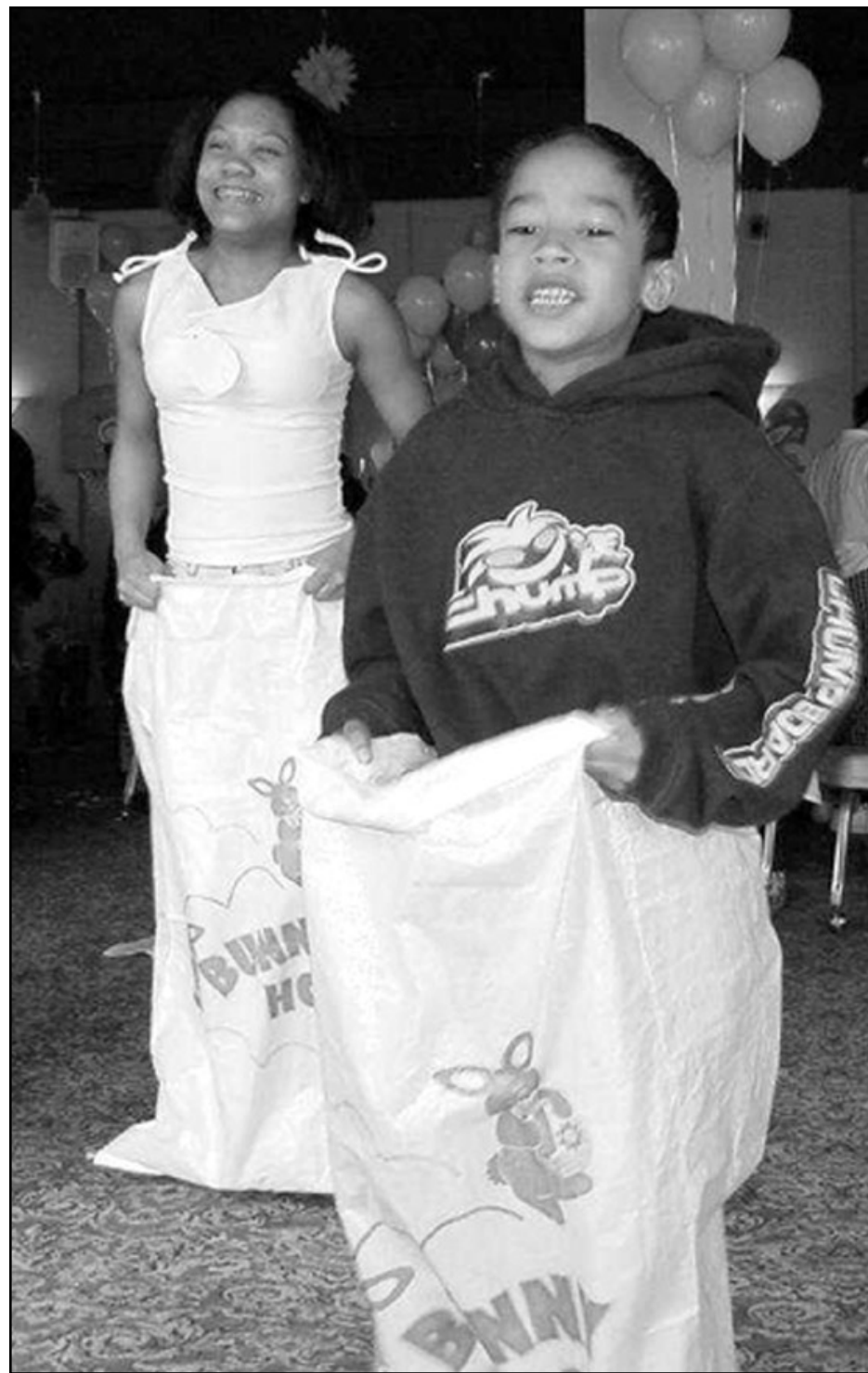
Thirty volunteers from Naval Academy Prep School, the Armed Services YMCA, and MWR helped with the faire.

Jewelry found

A pin was found during the clean up from the Easter Faire. Anyone who lost a piece of jewelry may contact Amy Burnes at 841-4038.



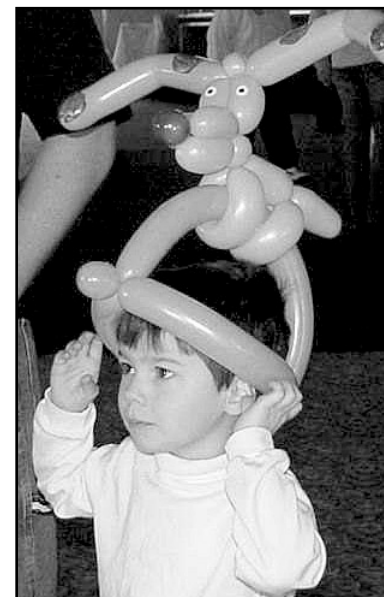
A RINGER — Rita Cook, 7, center, daughter of Cmdr. and Mrs. Richard Cook at the Naval War College, gets some help from big sister, Mary, in the Duck Ring Toss game.



JUMPIN' JARED — Jared Dube, 7, right, son of Staff Sgt. Timothy and Cheryl Dube of Naval Station Newport, races Midshipman Candidate Desi Timmons from Naval Academy Prep School in the Bunny Hop.



FISHING FOR EGGS — At left, Marcellino Fernandez, 2 1/2, son of Hospital Corpsman Third Class Ernest Fernandez of the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training, scoops Easter eggs out of a pool. In right photo, Kaitlyn Sullivan, 6, daughter of Lt. Cmdr. and Mrs. Mark Sullivan, Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Northeast, practices her hula.



J.T. HUFF, 4, son of Staff Sgt. James and Sally Huff tries on his Easter bunny balloon hat. His father is an Army recruiter for the R.I. National Guard.

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NAVSTA dining

Officers' Club

(Building 95, Phone 841-4821, 846-7987 or 849-3693)

Today: Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., first deck, buffet-style selections.

Tonight: Kick off the weekend right with complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the Pub in the Constellation Room, every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. As always, you can order your favorite beverages or something from the pub menu, available until one hour before closing.

Saturday: The Pub in the Constellation Room, (first deck) opens at 4 p.m. Full pub menu available until one hour before closing.

Sunday: Make reservations today for our fabulous, all-hands Sunday Brunch.

This all-inclusive brunch (except gratuity) is free for kids 3 and under, only \$3 for kids ages 4 to 12 and just \$11.95 for adults. Reservations and confirmation numbers are required; please call 846-7987.

Upcoming Events:

Advance tickets may be required for the following events. Gratuity is included in all tickets prices and there is no charge for children age 3 and under at special events. Tickets are available at the Officers' Club Gift Shop during normal hours of operation or by phone using Visa or MasterCard. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 846-5111 or 841-4821.

CLAMBOIL SIMMERS: Purchase tickets today for a summer tradition: an all-you-can-eat clamboil feast, including New England favorites such as creamy clam chowder, stuffed quahogs, steamers and little necks on the half shell. The first clamboil of the season takes place on Friday, May 2, at the Officers' Club.

The buffet also features herb-roasted chicken, Italian sausage with onions, red bliss potatoes, corn on the cob, salad, fruit salad and warm corn bread. Cost is \$24.95 for adults, \$11.45 for children 4 to 12, and free for children 3 and under.

Seatings are available from 6 to 9 p.m. and must be reserved at time of ticket purchase.

Graduation

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tary and physical training in preparation for follow-on NROTC-affiliated training and commissioning. All Sailors selected for STA-21 attend NSI en route to their assigned college or university.

Under STA-21, Sailors remain in an active-duty status while participating; they draw full pay, allowances and benefits, and receive an education voucher valued at up to \$10,000 per year for tuition, fees and book costs.

Participants in the new program will attend NROTC-affiliated colleges or universities after gaining admission, and must complete their degree within 36 months.

The graduates are:
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O/C Joshua M. Axelrod, Oregon State University
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O/C Andrew T. Bell, University of Illinois
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O/C Roxane W. Bloodworth, Auburn University
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O/C Angela Carilli, Jacksonville University
O/C Rebekah Carr, Hampton Roads University
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Leisure

Bowling

(Building 656, 841-4293)

Seaview Lanes fall/winter hours of operation follow:

Monday, 5 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m. Every other Saturday night, 8 to 11 p.m. for Rock 'n Bowl.

Specials:

—Super Tuesday Special: Visit Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656, every Tuesday from 5 to 10 p.m. through May 27 and you may bowl for just \$1 per game! Shoe rental costs just \$1, as well, making it even more affordable to get out and have some fun!

Food and beverage service is available from the Recreation Center kitchen, so you can come over after work, grab a bite to eat and bowl a few frames! For more information, call the Bowling Center at 841-4293.

—Rock and Bowl: Every other Saturday night beginning at 8 p.m. Cost is just \$7 per person. Bowl a strike when the head pin is red and you will win a prize! It's rocking, it's rolling, it's bowling and it's a blast! The next Rock and Bowl night is May 2.

Gymnasium

(Gym 109, 841-3154 or FITNESS Plus, Building 355, 841-1474)

—Fitness Walk 'n Tone, designed for patrons age 50 and up. Stretching and muscle toning exercises as well as 20-plus minutes of fitness walking around the gymnasium. Classes are held Monday and Thursday 8 to 9 a.m. in Gym 109. Call for space availability. Fee is \$5 for six weeks.

—Fitness equipment such as Hammer Strength, lifecycles, treadmills, free weights, etc. available; also racquetball, squash and basketball courts.

Computer Café

(Building 656, 841-2194)

•Personal computers available seven days a week to send and receive e-mail, surf the web, play games, etc. — all at no charge.

Open Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m. Food menu available from the Recreation Center kitchen.

Music/games

(Building 656, 841-3054)

•Lunchtime BINGO, Thursday and Friday only. Cover all the numbers on your BINGO card within the designated amount of numbers called and you will win \$500! If no one wins, play continues until a good BINGO is called, winning that lucky person \$100.

Three regular games each day with \$30 prizes for every BINGO called. Jackpot game begins at 12:30 p.m.

•Karaoke, April 26, 8 p.m. Showcase your talents with golden oldies, country hits, and of course, today's top tunes, beginning at 8 p.m. No cover charge, open to all hands.

Club movies

•Officers' Club — Tuesday, April 29: 6 p.m., *Harry Potter & The Chamber of Secrets* (PG); 8 p.m., *Star Trek: Nemesis* (PG-13)

•Recreation Center — The following movies are shown upon request beginning tonight: *Solaris* (PG13) and *Die Another Day* (PG-13).

Swimming

(Pool 307, 841-6628)

•Swimming lessons: Pool 307 offers swimming lessons for swimmers of all experience levels. Lessons, which cover elementary swimming skills and basic water safety are available to children as young as six months of age.

Lessons cost just \$40 for eight sessions and are available Monday through Saturday, making it easy to fit them into your schedule! Register at Pool 307 or call Jeff Cornell at 841-6628 for more information.

Parent/Tot, for six months to age 3 — Parent and child work in the water with an instructor to learn basic swimming and safety skills. Class meets once a week, Wednesday 5 to 5:30 p.m.

Pre-school, ages 3 to 5 — Child learns basic water safety and swimming skills. Participants will wear floatation devices (bubbles) only when necessary. Class is once a week: Monday 3:30 to 4 p.m. or 4:30 to 5 p.m., Wednesday 3:30 to 4 p.m., Friday 4 to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 11 to 11:30 a.m.



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS— Greg O'Shea, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Dept. assistant facilities manager, maneuvers a forklift to the seawall to lower a Rhodes 19 sailboat into the Naval Station Newport Marina. Assisting is Brian Silva, MWR maintenance crew. The marina opens May 1.

Gear Rental

Time to dig in the garden

Need help getting your spring lawn or garden in shape? Gear Rental, located in Building 303, has all your lawn and garden equipment needs! Rent a rototiller and put in that new lawn or a vegetable garden today!

Great selections of gardening tools are also available for rent. Why buy when you can rent at affordable rates right here on base? For more information, call 841-2568.

Go fish for fun

Did you know salt water fishing in the State of Rhode Island does not require a license?

Cost for fresh water fishing licenses for active duty personnel are the same as Rhode Island residents — just \$9.50 and they are available at local bait shops.

MWR Gear Rental, Building 303, is pleased to offer fishing rods and reels to meet all your fishing needs. Call 841-2568 for more information.

Army Veterinary Clinic

Vaccine clinic set for May 3

The U. S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facility, Building 303, will offer a vaccine clinic on Saturday, May 3, from 1 to 5 p.m. Vaccinations will be offered for dogs and cats. Heartworm/Lyme tests will also be offered to dogs. The following guidelines apply:

- All rabies vaccines will be one-year vaccinations unless owner provides a past certificate, or has one on file with the clinic.
- No medical concerns will be addressed. Please schedule an appointment with clinic if your pets are not feeling well.
- Dogs must be leashed and cats must be in a carrier.
- Services are provided for pets of active duty, retired service members and dependents. You must provide your military ID.

NOTE: Children under 12 are not allowed in the clinic and may not be left unattended outside of the clinic. This policy will be strictly enforced and anyone bringing children under the age of 12 will NOT RECEIVE SERVICE.

For further information call the clinic at 841-3994.

License your pets; it's the law!

Did you know that you are required to license your dog annually in April with the town where you live, even if you live in housing?

In order to license your pet, you must present proof of current rabies vaccination (good for up to two years maximum in Rhode Island). The U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facility, Building 303, provides vaccination services for active duty and retired military family pets.

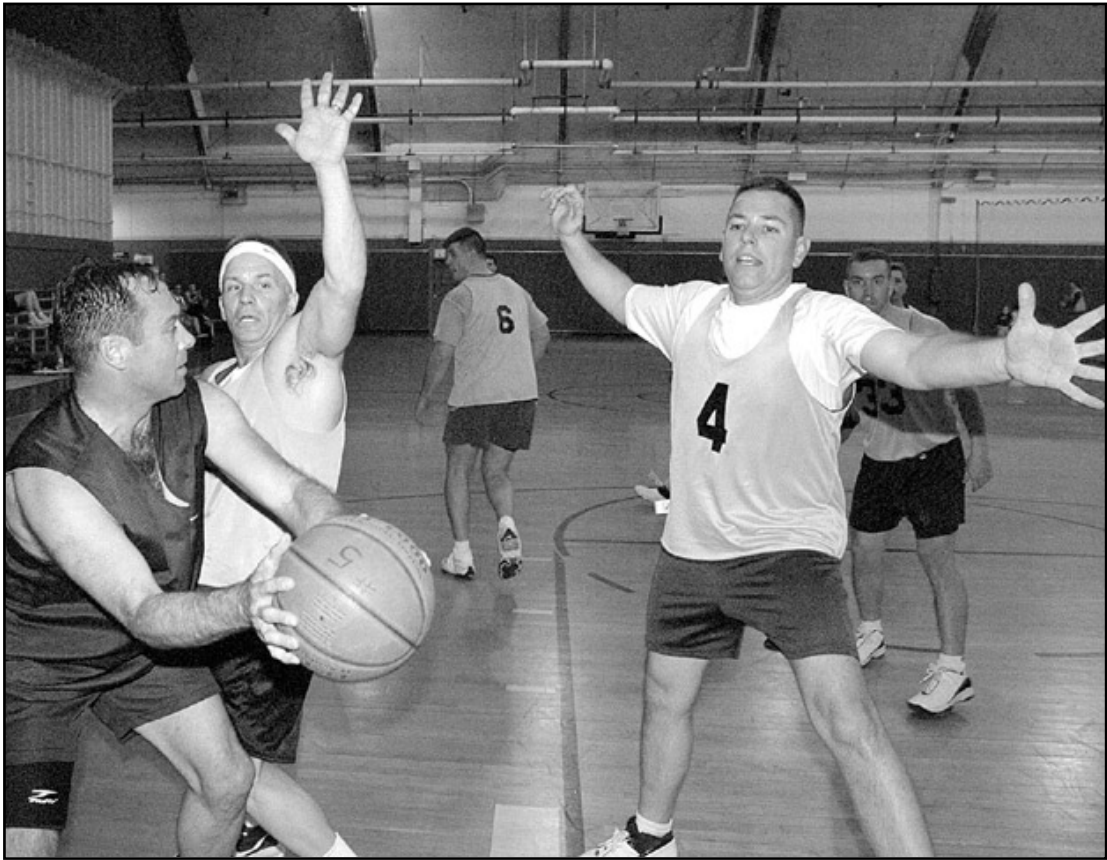
For more information or to make an appointment, please call 841-3994.

Prepare pet for overseas flight

As soon as you find out that you will be transferring outside of the continental United States, find out what you will need to prepare your pet for overseas travel.

Call 841-3994 for an appointment or additional information.

Sports



PHC (AW) Jon Hockersmith/U.S. Navy photo

STANDOFF — The Orioles' Maj. Dave Reeves, right, and Lt. Col. Mick Haydak defend against Dodgers' Lt. Col. Larry Jones, left, in a semifinal game of the Naval War College's Intramural Basketball League on April 8 at Gym 109. Another team, The Pack, went on to defeat the Dodgers in overtime in the championship game, 58-48.

NAPS track places 6th in invitational

By C. KENDRICK-HOLMES
NAPS Track Coach

NEW LONDON, Conn. — The Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) men's track and field team competed at the Silfen Invitational on April 19 at Connecticut College, finishing sixth out of 12 NCAA Division III college teams.

NAPS sprinter Trey Hines remained undefeated on the season in the 100-meter dash winning the race in 11.26. Justin Norman also scored points in this event placing sixth in 11.75.

In the 400-meter dash Michael Thompson placed third in 50.54, and also excelled in the 200-meter dash finishing fifth in 23.61.

The relay teams scored points as they have all season starting the day with a second place finish by Justin Norman, Michael Thompson, Michael Levinson and Hines in the 400-meter in 43.64.

The 1600-meter team of Rob O'Donnell, Travis Abeyta, Thompson and Levinson) completed the day with a sixth place finish in 3:31.98

The NAPS women also competed in the Silfen Invitational.

Ebony Miller led the way for the team finishing third in the 100-meter hurdles in 16.88; and fourth in the high jump at 4-10.

The 1600-meter women's relay team of Chelsea Smith, Lauren McCabe, Ebony Plummer and Kaitlin Kempe scored points with a time of 4:46.9.

Colleges competing in the Silfen Invitational besides Connecticut College, included Coast Guard Academy, Eastern Connecticut State College, Tufts University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Fitchburg State College, Smith College, University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Roger Williams University and Brandeis University.

Intramural volleyball

The Naval Station Newport Intramural Volleyball League results for week 3 ending April 18, follow:

April 14

Wildcats def. Captain's Crew, 15-12, 15-13
NWC-A def. NACC Newport, 16-14, 9-15, 25-16

April 15

SWO Daddies def. Captain's Crew, 15-12, 13-15, 25-19
Wildcats def. REDCOM, 15-12, 15-12

April 16

SWO Daddies def. NWC-A, 15-10, 15-13
NACC Newport def. REDCOM, 15-0, 15-0

Standings

Wildcats.....	6-0
SWO Daddies.....	4-1
NWC-A.....	3-2
Captains Crew.....	2-3
NACC Newport.....	1-5
REDCOM Mobilizers.....	0-3
Bombers.....	0-2

NAPS nine savors lone weekend win

Over the Easter weekend the Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) baseball team played three games, but chalked up only one win.

On a very chilly April 18, NAPS lost to Belmont Hill Academy, 13-8. Midshipman Candidate Oscar Martinez pitched well, giving NAPS five good innings. But as cold as the day was, so were the bats.

The hitting was led by Midshipman Candidate Richard Lippincott who went 2 for 3, and teammate Burgess Nichols went 2 for 5. Navy's Chris Perry was tagged with the loss.

On April 19, NAPS redeemed itself with a hard fought victory over Springfield (Mass.) College junior varsity in the first game of a doubleheader, winning 7-3.

Nichols pitched a solid, going all seven innings and earning his second victory of the year.

The hitting was led by Mid-

shipman Candidates B.J. Bickel who went 2 for 4, Scotty Pastel who went 2 for 4, and Nichols who helped his own cause, going 2 for 4.

In the second game of the twin bill, NAPS kept battling back and in the seventh inning took a one-run lead. But with one out, base-runner Jack Turner was on his way to third when a hard hit nipped his heel.

Instead of scoring another insurance run, he was called out. In the bottom of the seventh, Springfield scored two runs and wins, 8-7.

The hitting for the game was led by a host of players. Midshipman Candidate "Scoop" Slyman went 2 for 4 with three stolen bases, and Bickel and Pastel both went 2 for 4.

NAPS faced Mount Ida College last Wednesday and Saturday will host the Military Academy Prep School in a doubleheader at Cardines Field. Game time is 10 a.m.

Diamond

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away before the soil is spread. After all the soil is deposited it will be graded evenly to a height of about one foot, Rehkop said.

Parking for Capt. Howard Kay Hall, plus a small lot just east of the former K-61 site, will remain.

Athletic Director Dave Sladky at NAPS said the proposal is great for the school because of its close proximity to Nimitz Hall, quarters for the students, and the locker rooms in Capt. Howard Kay Hall. NAPS will lose its current athletic field, Prichard Field outside Gate 11, when the new Child Development Center is built.

Sladky said the baseball diamond will cover most of the whole area, encompassing about 115,000 square feet. Home plate and the backstop would be in the extreme southern corner of the lot.

Additionally, 38,700 square feet at the former K-61 building site will be turned into a soccer practice field, he said.

NAPS also has a new astro-turf surface on Nimitz Field, which can be lined off for lacrosse, soccer and football.

"This works out great for us," Sladky said. "While the football team is practicing or playing a game on Nimitz, the soccer team still has a place to practice."

Triton Marine held groundbreaking ceremonies for the Surface Warfare Officers School Division Officer School (SWOSDOC) classroom building in August 2002. But Triton was forced to excavate deeper than planned for the concrete foundation, and therefore created a surplus of soil for disposal.

The three-story, 74,000 square foot facility is expected to cost \$13.4 million and will consolidate the whole surface warfare command on the Coasters' Harbor Island campus.

SWOSDOC is currently housed in Callaghan Hall, Coddington Point.

Experience

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as it developed a streamlined curriculum that provides not only a greater amount of flexibility in individual Sailors' careers, but also provides the Navy better prepared surface warriors, faster.

Traditionally, these junior officers spent the first 27 months of their commission earning warfare qualifications. This period included a six-month stint at the school and did not fully leverage the shipboard environment into their professional development.

"Under the old program, we had to try to describe the way things worked onboard without their having any real life experience to back up our lessons," said school Commanding Officer Capt. Ron Brinkley. "Now our junior officers come to us with six months of on-the-job experience and training that directly contributes to their development into

surface warriors. Our curriculum no longer focuses on lectures, but individual experience."

Pared down from six months to an intensive three-week seminar based residency program, SWOS is now using both traditional and state-of-the-art learning resources backed up by student experience. The course is taking advantage of ship handling simulators, interactive computer based warfare operations scenarios, firefighting and flooding trainers, and facilitator led case studies.

"The new curriculum requires students to share their knowledge and experiences in a collaborative environment facilitated by our staff," said Brinkley. "Together, the wardrooms (eight to 10 students) engage in the practical application of their warfare knowledge in various problem

solving scenarios as a team, as they would onboard their own commands."

Prior to arriving at SWOS, warfare candidates must complete a series of shipboard prerequisites that include becoming qualified as officer of the deck (underway), earn basic damage control and maintenance qualifications, and demonstrate divisional leadership abilities.

During this time, the warfare candidate will also engage a learning performance system comprised of interactive courseware and practical exercises linked closely to existing personnel qualification standards and their on the job training. Through this system, the Sailor learns basic theory in an independent environment prior to engaging in first hand execution.

Briefing

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officers will now be required to pass a comprehensive exam before given a quota to attend SWOSDOC. Surface warfare officer (SWO) qualification will occur after the officers return to the fleet and upon successful completion of a tailored curriculum at SWOSDOC.

During the brief, the CNO

asked what about an officer on a ship in drydock.

Capt. Brinkley said, "Cross-decking to another ship in the fleet would satisfy their need for learning."

Lt. Ronald Lott continued the brief with a demonstration of the interactive courseware module.

The visit concluded with a demonstration of the new SWOSDOC reengineering classroom on the second deck of Weakley Hall.

This new classroom will provide virtual reality trainers complete with headgear and computer simulations.

Left behind

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night in a lonely bed sharing it with the tiny life she carries inside her and the little girl who will again pray that her daddy is safe and always adding, "Please send him back home to us soon."

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It goes on like this for days. These brave souls, the ones left behind, spend their days on edge, their nights alone, clinging to the belief he'll soon return home, alive.

Kennedy

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Saddam Hussein.

"I agree we have angered a lot of countries, but if the U.N. doesn't back up what it says then it's a mere debating society."

Kennedy said France's refusal to enforce U.N. Resolution 1441 was troubling. "It is unfortunate

they have aligned themselves so much with Iraq," and watered down efforts to hold Saddam accountable.

"France didn't just vote 'no.' They fought us every step of the way," he said. But the Congressman said the U.S. and France still

have common interests that should prevail in the future.

But Kennedy said the swift defeat of the Iraqi regime has influenced political policies in Syria, Iran and North Korea, and quieted inflammatory dialogue and behavior.

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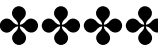
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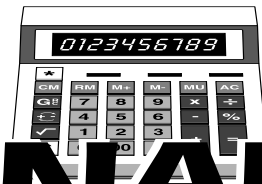
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'Open season' for TSP begins

WASHINGTON (NNS) — As the tax filing season ends for most Sailors, the first open season for Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) for 2003 begins — offering Sailors a chance to begin building future savings or adjust their TSP contributions.

During the open season, which runs through June 30, active duty and Reservists can choose to invest from 1 to 8 percent of their basic pay and up to 100 percent of bonus, special or incentive pay in TSP within IRS limits.

Working much like a civilian 401(K) savings plan, a Sailor's pre-tax dollars are invested in one of five TSP funds. Each fund has its own risk and return.

Conn. submarine returns from war

GROTON, Conn. (NNS) — The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Toledo (SSN 769) returned to Naval Submarine Base (SUBASE) New London April 15 from a rapid response wartime patrol in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Deployed to the Mediter-

anean Sea and the Red Sea, Toledo conducted strike operations into Iraq, launching several Tomahawk cruise missiles during the patrol.

With several other Groton based submarines remain deployed in support of the war effort, Toledo is the first submarine to return home after actively participating in combat action.

The submarine and her crew of 134 Sailors departed Groton Feb. 10, after receiving initial deployment orders and rapidly completing all anticipated combat patrol preparations.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, naval units launched more than 800 cruise missiles into Iraq, and the submarine force accounted for one-third of those launches.

Some carriers leaving war zone

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The U.S. Navy may reduce the number of aircraft carriers deployed in the Gulf region if Operation Iraqi Freedom air strike requirements draw down, the commander of coalition naval forces said April 12.

"The prosecution of air-to-ground targets is decreasing

somewhat as the campaign reaches a certain phase of completion," Vice Adm. Timothy Keating told Pentagon reporters during a satellite news teleconference from Bahrain.

"If the sortie requirement goes down, then we'll be able to pull (some) carriers off the line and send them home," Keating pointed out.

He noted the Navy launched nearly 200 air sorties April 11. Any reduction of carrier forces, he pointed out, would be dependent on mission requirements.

Keating emphasized that Army Gen. Tommy Franks, the overall commander of Operation Iraqi Freedom, would have to approve any carrier redeployments.

Currently, the five carriers deployed in the Persian Gulf or

eastern Mediterranean Sea are USS Nimitz (CVN 68), USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), USS Constellation (CV 64) and USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63), Keating remarked.

Nimitz relieved Abraham Lincoln last week, he added. Each carrier is crewed by about 5,000 servicemembers.

VA will reduce SGLI premiums

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced that premiums for the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI) will be reduced, handing military members a few extra dollars in their pockets each month.

Beginning in July, the cost for a \$250,000 policy — the

maximum coverage, will drop from \$20 to \$16.25 monthly, a \$3.75 savings. The VA reports that rates for Veterans Group Life Insurance will not change.

Tom Tower, the Department of Defense's assistant director for military compensation, welcomed the reduced premiums, adding that anytime you put "more money in the pockets of military members, it's always a good result."

Premiums will also be reduced for SGLI family coverage, with rates varying among age groups.

The largest saving will go to spouses between 35 and 39 years old, whose premiums will be nearly cut in half. Servicemembers currently pay \$13 for a \$100,000 family policy. That policy will cost \$7.50 beginning in July — a \$5.50 savings.

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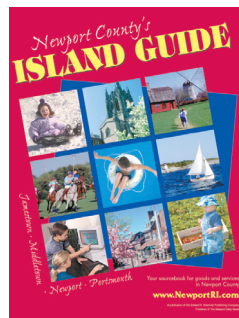
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